**Washington, DC** – Congressman Bruce Braley (D-lowa) announced today more than \$830,000 in grant money for colleges in Iowa's First District. The University of Northern Iowa, Scott Community College and the University of Dubuque have each been awarded grants through the US Department of Education's Student Support Services Program.

"Investing in education is investing in our economy," Braley said. "Our state is a leader in higher education and has a tradition of graduating highly successful and competitive young professionals. This grant money will help these institutions maintain that tradition and provide the highest quality education possible."

The Student Support Services Program provides academic, financial and personal counseling to low-income, first generation or disabled college students.

The grants will be distributed as follows:

University of Northern Iowa \$322,928

Scott Community College \$288,353

University of Dubuque \$220,000